

Fall Into Geocaching

Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs

September 15 – December 31

Be one of the first to log 10 of the 22 caches!

Grand Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate for Indiana State Park Inns

First Prizes (4): 2007 DNR Annual Entrance Pass

More Information at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov

Cache Coordinates and Clues (Search by Zip Code or Property Name) at www.geocaching.com

Participating Properties: Brookville, Brown County, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, J. Edward Roush, Mansfield Mill, McCormick's Creek, Mississinewa, Mounds, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Raccoon, Salamonie, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, and Whitewater Memorial



See our "Fall into Geocaching" FAQ Sheet for additional details.

“Fall into Geocaching” Frequently Asked Questions

When I go to the www.geocaching.com, I don't see anything that tells me about this contest. How do I find the coordinates for the caches? In the upper right hand corner of the Geocaching home page, you can search by zip code. Zip codes for each property included in the contest are listed below. When you get the list of caches, look for one that is titled “Fall into Geocaching: Property Name.” For example, “Fall into Geocaching: J. Edward Roush Reservoir.” There may be several pages of caches for each zip code. *(Note: If the list seems too long to sort through, you can go back to the home page and click on “Advanced Search” in the box at the upper right and search by keyword. Enter the park or reservoir name as the keyword.)* Click on that link and it will take you to the coordinates and other information for that particular cache. At that location, you will also see links to all of the Fall into Geocaching cache site information, too.

How do I find the zip codes for each property included in the contest? Beside each property name is its zip code, which you will need to locate the cache information at www.geocaching.com. Brookville Lake (47012), Brown County State Park(47448), Fort Harrison State Park(46216), Indiana Dunes State Park (46304), J. Edward Roush Lake (46750), Mansfield Mill (47872), McCormick's Creek State Park (47460), Mississinewa Reservoir (46970), Mounds State Park (46017), Ouabache State Park (46714), Pokagon State Park (46703), Potato Creek State Park (46554), Prophetstown State Park (47906), Raccoon Lake State Recreation Area (47872), Salamonie Reservoir (46702), Shades State Park (47989), Shakamak State Park (47438), Spring Mill State Park (47446), Summit Lake State Park(47362), Tippecanoe River State Park(46996), Turkey Run State Park (47859), and Whitewater Memorial State Park(47353).

Many of the properties included in this contest have more than one cache. How do I know which caches on each property are a part of this contest?

The only cache that counts in this contest is the one called “Fall into Geocaching” with the property name listed. For example, “Fall into Geocaching: Pokagon State Park.” You can enjoy each property during your visit and look for other caches at the site. Remember, these caches can only be placed with a permit from the property manager. We limit the number of caches per site and are careful not to place them in nature preserves or other sensitive areas of the property.

How do I contact the contest coordinator if I have a question? The contest coordinator is Brad Bumgardner, an interpreter at Pokagon State Park. He can be reached by email at bumgbj01@hotmail.com.

When I find a cache, what do I need to do? When you find one of the contest caches, be sure to write your name on the cache log sheet and copy down the descriptive word at the top of the log sheet. You must turn those words into the contest coordinator after you've found 10 of 22 caches so don't forget them!

When I find one cache, should I send the information to the contest coordinator, or should I wait until I've found as many as I can? You can log each find on the website at any time. If you are racing to win the grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Indiana State Park Inns, you must send the list of words (one from each log sheet, found in each cache) to the contest coordinator as soon as you have found 10 caches, but not before. If you are competing just for fun, take your time! The contest continues through December 31, and the drawings for other prizes will not be until early January. As long as you submit the verification that you've found 10 of the 22 caches before January 1, you'll be included in the drawings. If you haven't found 10 of the 22 caches by December 31, submit what you have. You'll be entered in the drawing for one of the 100 t-shirts. No matter how many caches you find, you can go back to www.geocaching.com and log your comments about your search for each cache – that makes it more entertaining for others.

Can I work with a group or do I need to work on my own? It's OK to work as a group, but only one grand prize is awarded. All in your group should record names in logbook and report finds to contest coordinator to be included in drawings for other prizes.

What if I can't find the cache? The caches are not very big (Hint! Hint!) and might occasionally get moved by an animal or a person, as sometimes happens with any cache. If you can't locate the cache during your visit, stop in the property office or nature center and let them know the cache is missing, then be sure to contact Brad, the contest coordinator, too. We'll be checking on the caches regularly and make every effort to keep them where they belong!